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opposition to it as far as individual senators. The people speaking against the amendment are not the people affected by this. So I would ask for your support of the amendment and we can go ahead and move on. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Baker. There are no further lights. Senator Hudkins. No, Senator Baker, you'd be recognized to close on this amendment to the amendment. He waives closing. So the vote before us would be whether to adopt the Baker amendment to the rules amendment. All in favor signify by voting aye, and opposed vote nay. Senator Baker, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BAKER: I would ask for a call of the house, please. I'm sorry. Well,...

SPEAKER BROMM: I'm sorry, what did you say? (Laughter)

SENATOR BAKER: Nothing. (Laughter)

SPEAKER BROMM: Have you all voted that care to vote? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 12 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the amendment to the Rules Committee amendment.

SPEAKER BROMM: The amendment to the Rules Committee amendment is adopted. Would be back for discussion on the rules amendment, as amended. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members, I think the map that outlines the way that this was drawn before this amendment has created a better system than what this amendment necessarily does. But we have not done what has been characterized earlier as gerrymandering. And I think it's to the credit of the committee that the contiguousness is there; that it looks much cleaner, much neater. Any member of the public that would look at what has been done would view it, just as a layperson, as being a good thing to do, and that it looks tight, squared off, and pretty consistent, and I think that was good work that was done by the committee. In terms of the